



Borderland State Park
Department of Conservation and Recreation

OCTOBER 2026 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather may cancel programs. Programs meet at the Visitor Center at 259 Massapoag Ave., North Easton unless otherwise noted. (508) 238-6566.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodation
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Daily

8:00am-6:00pm

Ames Family Photo Exhibit

Learn about the Ames family and the construction of the Borderland estate through photos. Self-guided, all ages.

Self-Guided Brochures

Explore the architecture of the historic Ames Mansion and the grounds. Free self-guided brochures are available in the entry way of the visitor center. All ages.

StoryWalk

A self-guided walk featuring “Fletcher and The Falling Leaves” by Julia Rawlinson and illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke. From the Visitor Center, follow the Pond Walk towards the Stone Lodge. For families with young kids.

PROGRAMS

Various dates and times

DCR Ames Mansion Tours

Explore the 1st-floor of the Ames Mansion on these free 30-minute tours. Meet at the Mansion. Space is limited; register to secure a spot. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Calendar and registration at tinyurl.com/Bordtour.

Building a Home: Explore the fully furnished Ames Mansion. Discover the history of the family and the house.

Orchids & Oakes: Oakes Ames is still considered one of the foremost orchidologists. Learn about his botanical work.

Kids Mansion Tour: What would it be like to be a kid living in the Ames Mansion? For families with young kids.

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Coming events



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Wednesdays

4:00-5:00pm

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

eARTh & Crafts

Join park staff for an outdoor craft highlighting different plants and animals that call Borderland home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Drop-in or stay for the duration. Meet in the picnic area. Inclement weather will bring program into the Visitor Center.

Thursdays

1:00-3:00pm

Oct. 1, 15 & 29

Off the Beaten Path Hike

Join park staff for a guided hike on different trails each week. Hikes are between 2-4 miles long on varied terrain at a moderate pace. Bring drinking water, dress for the weather. For adults and older children.

Thursdays

4:00-5:00pm

Oct. 1 & 15

Wildlife Wonders

Fall is a great time to spot different seasonal wildlife! Stop by and learn how to use equipment like spotting scopes to identify various species. Drop-in or stay the whole time.

October 1 – Meet at the Stone Lodge

October 15 – Meet at Lily Bay, right before the Smith Farm when you take Pond Walk from the mansion.

Saturdays

11:30am-12:30pm

Oct. 17 & 31

Explore Nature: Animal Pelts & Activities

Explore animal pelts, bird feathers, and animal skull replicas to learn more about the wildlife that call Borderland home. All ages are welcome. Rain or shine.

Sundays

10:00am-11:00am

Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25

Kidleidoscope

Each week we will explore the natural world through a new story book and craft. If weather and time permit, we'll hit the trails for a short hike after the craft! Best for ages 4+. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine.



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Sunday

9:00am-12:00pm

Oct. 18

The Long Hike

Hike out to the northernmost point of Borderland on this guided, 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike. We'll hike out to the Morse Loop and enjoy a snack and water on the shores of the beautiful Dead Swamp Pond. For adults and older children. Wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water and a snack to eat at the pond.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday

12:00-1:30pm

Oct. 3

Fall Gardening

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Prep your garden for winter with longtime Borderland volunteer, Ellen Farmer! Learn tips and tricks to clean up your plants and protect them from dropping temperatures. For adult gardeners. Meet at the Ames Mansion. Space is limited; email borderland.park@mass.gov to register.

Saturday

6:00-9:00pm

Oct. 3

Friends of Borderland Murder Mystery

The year is 1920. With the passing of prohibition and organized crime on the rise, The Juice Joint, a swanky speakeasy run by Rosie Marie, has been nothing but jumping. To celebrate its success, Rosie is planning a party to remember at the exclusive nightspot: and you're invited!

This event is for adults 21+ only. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. Meet at the Ames Mansion. On day of event, follow signs to park. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/fobmurdermystery>.



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Saturday

9:00am-2:00pm

Oct. 10

Friends of Borderland Annual Car Show

In partnership with Mass Cruisers, the Friends of Borderland presents their 4th annual car show! Join a celebration of classic chrome, vintage vibes, and community pride. Free for visitors. Parking fees apply.

Got a car you want to enter in the show? Pre-registration lasts until Thursday, October 8. The fee to pre-register is \$20. Registration on the day of the event is \$25. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/fobcarshow>

Inclement weather will cancel.

Friday &

Saturday

6:00pm-10:00pm

Oct. 16 & 17

Haunted Hayride

The Friends of Borderland and MSG Trent Memorial present their annual haunted hayride! Hayrides run continuously from 6:00-10:00pm. Tickets will be available online and in-person. Refreshments available for purchase. All ages welcome! Visit friendsofborderland.org for tickets.

Volunteers welcome! Contact NortonGSC@gmail.com.

Monday

6:30pm-8:30pm

Oct. 26

Full Moon Hike

Join park staff for a fun full moon hike. We will offer guided hiking groups with different paces along the Pond Walk Trail under the full moon. Trail is mostly flat. Dress for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Pets must be leashed.